

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-25 (Cancelled).

26-36 (Cancel).

1 ~~7~~ 37. (Previously Presented) An isolated nucleic acid consisting of a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide: Ala-Gln-Glu-Pro-Val-Lys-Gly-Pro-Val-Ser-Thr-Lys-Pro-Gly-Ser-Cys-Pro-Ile-Ile-Leu-Ile-Arg-Cys-Ala-Met-Leu-Asn-Pro-Pro-Asn-Arg-Cys-Leu-Lys-Asp-Thr-Asp-Cys-Pro-Gly-Ile-Lys-Lys-Cys-Cys-Glu-Gly-Ser-Cys-Gly-Met-Ala-Cys-Phe-Val-Pro-Gln.

2 38. (Previously Presented) The nucleic acid according to claim 37 wherein said nucleotide sequence is GCTCAAGAACCAGTTAAAGGTCCTGTGTCTACT
AAGCCAGGTTCTTGTCTATTATCTTGATTGCGCTATGTTAAACCCACCTAACCGT
TGTTTGAAGGACACTGATTGTCCAGGTATCAAAAAGTGCTGTGAAGGTTCTGCGGTATG
GCTTGTTTCGTTCCACAA.

3 39. (Previously Presented) An isolated replicable plasmid expression vehicle comprising as an insert the nucleic acid according to claim 37.

4 40. (Previously Presented) An isolated transformed host cell comprising the expression vehicle according to claim 39.

5 41. (Previously Presented) A process for the preparation of a replicable expression vehicle comprising inserting the nucleic acid according to claim 37 into a vector at an appropriate insertion site so that a replicable plasmid expression vehicle is obtained that directs the synthesis of the polypeptide encoded by said nucleic acid.

6 42. (Previously Presented) A process for producing a polypeptide comprising culturing the host cell according to claim 40 under conditions sufficient to produce said polypeptide.

7 43. (Previously Presented) A process for the preparation of a transformed host cell comprising introducing into a host cell the expression vehicle according to claim 39.